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and you are asking me if I want to donate his organs. How do they respond to that? How many of you know how to respond to an irate parent who is angry at God and the doctor and the hospital and everybody because a child who had leukemia suddenly passed on when they didn't really think it was going to be today? Would you want to be the one that would be the blunt of that anger, that justified anger? Would you want to go in there like an insensitive clod not knowing how to deal with their grief? Do you remember the stupid bill we passed to teach funeral directors how to counsel bereaved families, when you and I know that continuing education for them was a joke? Can you honestly vote against an amendment that says, those who have that terrible responsibility of asking a parent or a child to donate a loved one's organs, you would not even give them the benefit of training...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...counseling, how to deal with their own pressure and tension and that poor family's? I do believe this is not just a reasonable but a necessary amendment and I urge your adoption of it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and I do sign LB 776, LB 642, LB 608, LB 575A, LB 615, LB 575, LB 538, LB 319, LB 250, LB 211, LB 203, LB 55, LB 446 and LB 368. Additional discussion on the Chambers amendment, Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I am co-sponsor of LB 74 and also supporter of Senator Chambers' amendment. We, in this bill, have I think accomplished the purpose we set out to do. We also, as you note in Section 4, exempt hospital personnel from liability in these matters and I think it is a proper balancing of that to require a training or degree of training. So I would rise in support of Senator Chambers' amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, as I said the first time, this amendment is nothing that I can't live with. I feel that it is unnecessary. If the proposed dangers are in there, we have gone over what other states have done. Might I remind you, 38 states have this legislation or are considering